



News Release



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City Of Las Vegas Cultural Arts December 2016 Calendar Of Events

PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Facilities will be closed for holiday observance Dec. 25-26.
Cultural Arts & Community Events programs: www.artslasvegas.org

Ableton Live Music Software Workshop Series (all ages)

Thursdays, Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration available now through Dec. 22.

Cost: \$10 per class.

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-3515.

Musicians and aspiring musicians are invited to join Ableton certified trainers for a four-part intensive session exploring composition, sound design, production techniques and performance utilizing Ableton Live, Max for Live and Push. Learn how to make music with simple tips and tricks and unique approaches from Ableton experts. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptops; computers will not be provided. This does not require the attendees to purchase Ableton software. Call 702-229-3515 to register.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Winter 2017 Class Registration (all ages)

Registration available through Jan. 4, 2017 for six-week session of classes Jan. 4 – Feb 11, 2017.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Cultural arts classes offered include Kemetic Yoga, Kemetic Yoga for Children, African Dance for Children, African Dance for Teens/Adults, African Drum, Ballet for Children, Ballet – Beginner/Intermediate, Ballet – Intermediate/Advanced, Modern Dance – Intermediate, Hip Hop/Funk – Beginner, Hip Hop/Funk – Intermediate/Advanced, Capoeira/Martial Arts, Recording & Engineering - The Relationship of Mind Over Matter, and the Cultural Arts Ensembles – Children's African Dance & Drum and Performance Ensemble. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-4800.

Rites of Passage Young Men and Women Mentoring Workshops (ages 10 – 16)

SONSHIP: A Ritual Passage to Manhood

Saturdays, through Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration fee: \$30 for 10-week workshop.

West Las Vegas Library Conference Rooms A & B, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

The workshop is facilitated by Yusef Sudah, CAO of Dieseltex Inc.; Al Gourrier, Ph.D.; and Alfatari Richards. The Rites of Passage graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m.

Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For more information, call 702-229-4800.

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S.I.S.T.A. - Sisters in Society Taking Action

Saturdays, through Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration fee: \$30 for 10-week workshop.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

The workshop is facilitated by China Hudson, TuWanda Locke, Colette "IyaLe Olamide" Lundy, Yolanda Merz, and Maticia Sudah. The Rites of Passage graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For more information, call 702-229-4800.

The boys "Sonship - A Ritual Passage to Manhood" and girls "SISTA - Sisters In Society Taking Action" participants will travel on a journey toward the path of adulthood. The Rites of Passage is a youth-mentoring workshop designed to provide the necessary tools to help young men and women become responsible, caring adults, independent thinkers and outstanding citizens of the Las Vegas community. Community elders are encouraged to support this event as the youth prepare for their "crossing over" ceremony. The Rites of Passage workshop topics will include: Attitude & Influence, Self-Respect, Morals, Values, Choices, Spirituality, The Concept & Principles of Sonship, The Importance of "Familyhood," Grooming/Hygiene, Role Models, Social Graces, Education, Understanding the Learning Process, Career, The Principles of Finance and Understanding Wealth, Credit & Banking, Time Management & Your Priorities, Puberty/Maturation, Relationships & Marriage, and Health/Wellness/Nutrition.

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents "Seussical" (all ages)

Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 4, 10 and 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$6 per person.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

"Seussical" is a magical, musical extravaganza and fun for the whole family! Join the world of Dr. Seuss, where you will revisit beloved characters The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, JoJo and more. For more information, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6553.

Downtown Cultural Series: Nevada School of the Arts Quartet Concert

Friday, Dec. 16, noon to 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse Jury Assembly Room, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Bring your lunch to enjoy this noontime hour-long concert as the Nevada School of the Arts Quartet presents a program of holiday classics.

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Auditions for "Recollections of the Silver State" (adults)

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2 to 4 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

No cost to audition.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

A prepared song is recommended; come dressed to dance. Most show performances will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at area schools during the day. For more details, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6553.

"It's a Wonderful Life" - A Live Radio Play (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10 plus tax in advance; \$15 plus tax on event day.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Award-winning production company Poor Richard's Players brings this holiday classic to life in the style of a radio drama, complete with Foley sound effects, jingles, and vintage radio-era charm! For more information and tickets, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6383.

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The Poets' Corner (ages 17+)

Hosted by Keith Brantley

Friday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

A monthly forum for established poets and open-mic participants featuring the best local talent.

For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

NIA - Kwanzaa 2016

"Affirming African Values, Culture and Community with Purpose" and the "Boys and Girls Rites of Passage Graduation Ceremony"

Friday, Dec. 30, 6 to 8 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-507-3989.

Join the community celebration to share the meaning of Kwanzaa and embrace the best in African culture, community, and humanity. This celebration combines elements of African culture and the African-American experience to provide a framework for instilling strong values and acknowledge and honor the accomplishments of the Rites of Passage graduates. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For more information, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-4800 or 702-507-3989.

Exhibitions**Native American Visions**

Through Dec. 1, hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor.

The artists in this exhibit explore their unique and diverse heritage through dramatic and colorful work. Some artwork explores identity and loss of identity while other work explores pattern and shape through traditional mediums such as weaving and painting in silhouette, much the same as how some petroglyphs were created. Artists include: Fawn Douglas (Las Vegas, Nevada), Laura Zollar (Las Vegas, Nevada), Noelle Garcia and Shane Waters (Evanston, Illinois, originally from Nevada), Rebecca Eagle (Reno, Nevada), Robert Martinez (Riverton, Wyoming), Tom Jones (Madison, Wisconsin), Melanie Yazzie (Boulder, Colorado). Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

"Entertain" Exhibit

Artist Cat Chiu Phillips

Through Jan. 13, 2017

Las Vegas City Hall Windows on First, 495 S. Main St. at First Street.

This space at city hall, known as the Windows on First, is part of the First Street Art Trail. The windows are currently exhibiting Cat Chiu Phillips' installation, "Entertain," open for the public to enjoy around the clock. The artwork is created entirely from discarded VHS tapes, cassette tapes, 35 mm photo negatives and slides, many of which have references to Las Vegas. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

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PATRIMONIO Exhibition**Artist Justin Favela**

Through Dec. 15, hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Grand Gallery, 495 S. Main St., first floor.

This aerial exhibit highlights the fine Mexican art of *papel picado* making. *Papel picado* translates to English as “chopped paper” and is a traditional folk art from Mexico that involves cutting out intricate patterns on colorful tissue paper. The tissue paper is then glued to a string in a line to form banners which are used as decorations for important festivities throughout the year. Artisans may study for years to learn to make *papel picado* in its traditional form. Originally the paper was laboriously cut with scissors. Now up to 50 sheets of tissue paper can be cut at a time, using a hammer and an assortment of chisels of different sizes and shapes. An infinite variety of patterns and designs are made in *papel picado*: flowers, birds, lettering, people and animals and lattice-work patterns. For the Day of the Dead, skulls and skeletons are depicted.

In Favela's installation, he has handmade his thicker tissue paper by gluing and layering three sheets of tissue paper to make it look more traditional. He also has enlarged the banner to giant size to emphasize the meaning behind his designs and to make you look more closely at the fine craft as an art image. The images highlight fall and winter holiday and seasonal days of celebration, which is also a departure in terms of this art, as they usually focus on decorative subjects. The images on the banners are:

- The quetzal, Guatemala's national emblem, related to Guatemalan Independence Day (Sept 15).
- Mexican Independence Day (Sept 16), which features the coat of arms found on Mexico's flag, based on an Aztec legend featuring an eagle on a cactus eating a snake;
- The waving American flag in honor of Veterans Day;
- A dark blue flag made for Nevada Day features the shape of the Battle Born State;
- The orange flag for Halloween is a fun depiction of a classic jack-o-lantern;
- The purple banner was made in celebration of Lincoln's birthday and represents president Abraham Lincoln as the icon depicted on the penny coin; and
- The teal banner features a citizen casting a vote in celebration of Election Day!

Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

“Encounters” Exhibition

Drawings by Donald Corpier Starr

Dec. 3, 2016 – Jan. 14, 2017; center open Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Gallery hours vary; call 702-229-4800 for best information.

Meet-the-Artist Reception, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2 – 5 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

The exhibit consist of drawings of people the artist has encountered over his lifetime, rendered with different drawing mediums, such as pencil, colored pencil, pastels and pen/ink. The image he sees dictates the medium he chooses. “I’m basically a people person and I like to render images of people that show character and mood,” says the artist. “Some of my images represent people I have encountered directly or indirectly in my life. Hopefully, whatever emotion that is in the piece will be passed on to the viewer and promote some type of positive reaction.” For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

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Chinese New Year - Year of the Rooster

Dec. 5, 2016 – March 4, 2017 open Jan. 26 for reception and by appointment only.

Artist's Reception Jan. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Free admission.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor's Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-1012.

Local and non-local artists explore the cultural heritage of Chinese New Year for 2017, the Year of the Rooster. In the artwork, each artist is asked to include and highlight the animal associated with the year as well as investigate more information about Chinese heritage. Call 702-229-1012 for appointment and information.

Public Employee Art Exhibit

Dec. 8, 2016 – Feb. 2, 2017; hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Artists' Reception Dec. 8, 3-5 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor.

Artwork by public employees displayed. Curated by a private local arts professional. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

Reclaim Exhibition**Artist Shelbi Schroeder**

Dec. 20, 2016 – March 9, 2017; hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Artist's Reception Dec. 20, 4-6 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Grand Gallery, 495 S. Main St., first floor.

"My work is informed by societal standards set for women. Working within the constraints of feminism and formalism, I make work that challenges the viewer to look beyond the façade of repetition and decoration, into a deeper understanding of female desire. Through visual pairings of stereotypical feminine symbology creating new meaning about female desires, I stress it is important that women are able to extricate themselves from domestic standards. By using textiles as material representation of female complacency, and addressing feminine experiences through photographic imagery within that material, I create a dialogue about the double standards women are expected to live by: pure and provocative. Providing a physical reclamation for females to determine their own standards, I've created flags out of my textiles. By providing an expression of female desire through decorative form I am facilitating a discussion about individual needs. Female desire can't be defined by society and instead should be defined by self."

Shelbi Schroeder

Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

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Editor's Note: High-resolution photos are available for download at

<ftp://ftp.lasvegasnevada.gov/ls/files/Exhibitions/>;

ftp://ftp.lasvegasnevada.gov/ls/files/December_2016_Events/; and

ftp://ftp.lasvegasnevada.gov/ls/files/Rainbow_Company/.

No password is required.

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